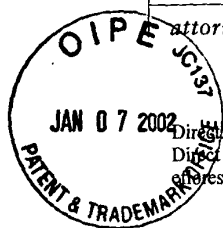


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We are responding to Notice to Comply with Sequence Rules substitute under CFR 1.827. We are submitting the following:

1. Substitute disk containing sequence listing;
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SUBSTITUTE SEQUENCE LISTING

Dear Sir:

Attached please find a hard copy of a Substitute Sequence Listing along with a substitute diskette containing a Sequence Listing in computer readable form in ASCII-DOS format in accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.824.

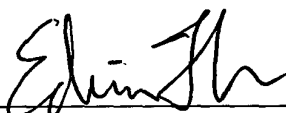
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A diskette with a Sequence Listing in ASCII-DOS format is attached and consideration of the application is requested. The content of this Substitute Sequence Listing and the computer readable copy are the same as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.821(f). No new matter is incorporated in the specification by this amendment.

For the foregoing reasons, the Substitute Sequence Listing is submitted to be in order, and complies with the Sequence Rules 37 C.F.R. 1.821 - 1.825.

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